

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Second Hampshire Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.

Residents of Second Hampshire Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (504) of these admissions resided in the Second Hampshire Representative District.¹ **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Second Hampshire Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 64% were male and 36% were female.
- 54% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 90% were white non-Latino, 3% were black non-Latino, 5 were Latino, and 1% were other racial categories.
- 60% were never married, 16% were married, and 23% reported not to be married now.
- 19% had less than high school education, 50% completed high school, and 31% had more than high school education.
- 34% were employed.
- 4% were homeless.
- 43% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use which is the substance for which the clients seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that the Second Hampshire Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	59%	23%	5%	3%	5%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

¹ To protect client confidentiality, statistics representing clients under 17 years of age have been omitted from this fact sheet.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (IDUs), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003 Second Hampshire Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	445	392	141	98	84	52	41
FY '96	454	390	142	78	54	60	40
FY '97	482	413	161	114	70	99	58
FY '98	528	453	173	127	68	128	75
FY '99	480	408	159	122	93	151	84
FY '00	489	409	162	81	68	149	95
FY '01	522	434	122	87	72	158	103
FY '02	505	413	126	93	70	132	81
FY '03	504	408	123	94	82	135	88